

## **Judicial Branch/DHS Workgroup on Involuntary Committal Process**

### **Task of the workgroup**

#### Sec. 2. Continuation of Workgroup by Judicial Branch and Department of Human Services.

The judicial branch and department of human services shall continue the workgroup implemented pursuant to 2010 Iowa Acts, chapter 1192, section 24, subsection 2, to improve the processes for involuntary commitment for chronic substance abuse under chapter 125 and for serious mental illness under chapter 229, and shall coordinate its efforts with the legislative interim committee to.....

1. The current provision of transportation by the county sheriff
2. The role, supervision and funding of mental health patient advocates and substance-related disorder advocates, along with the options for implementation of the provision of advocates to patients with such disorders.
3. For revising requirements for mental health professionals who are engaged in the involuntary commitment and examination processes under chapter 229.
4. For authorizing the court to order an involuntary hold of a patient under section 229.10 for not more than 23 hours who was not initially taken into custody but declined to be examined pursuant to a previous court order.
5. For implementation of Jail diversion programs
6. For comprehensive training of law enforcement in dealing with individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis
7. Mental Health Courts and Identification of promising reforms related to mental health and the criminal justice system.
8. Civil Commitment prescreening
9. Recommendations on residential care facilities
  - educating judicial magistrates and advocates on ways to enhance the consistency of services for individuals who are court ordered to a residential care facility.
  - address issues involved with identifying facilities with the capacity to provide an appropriate placement for an individual who has been arrested, charged or convicted of assault, a forcible felony, arson or an offence that requires registration as a sex offender under chapter 692A.

Preliminary recommendations shall be submitted to the legislative interim committee in October 2011, as specified by the interim committee. The workgroup shall complete deliberation and submit a final report to the legislative interim committee providing findings and recommendations on or before December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.